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SUBJ: SYRIAN EDITORIAL COMMENT ON ME SITUATION

1. FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL BY EDITOR ALI SULAYMAN IN JULY 12
AL-THAWRA FOCUSES ON ROLE OF ARAB WILL IN SOLVING ME CRISIS.

2. CALLING FOR PROMPT REVIEW OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY OVER PAST
TWO YEARS AND ITS MEAGER RESULTS, SULAYMAN MAINTAINS THAT
CONTINUING ARAB DESIRE FOR JUST SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE SUPPORTED
BY MORE EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION OF ARAB WILL TO PREVENT DEADLOCK.
ARAB WILL, HE CONTINUES, IS NOT ISOLATED AND POSSESSES
MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN ASPECTS TO ITS POWER.

3. EDITORIAL CONSIDERS ARABS HAVE GONE TOO FAR IN DESIRE FOR
POLITICAL SETTLEMENT AND HAVE SACRIFICED TIME NEEDLESSLY.
RESULT HAS BEEN ONLY AMBIGUITY AND INCREASING ISRAELI
DECEIT. ISRAEL PRETENDS IT HAS AN INDEPENDENT WILL

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WHILE U.S. PROCLAIMS AN ARTIFICIAL INCAPACITY. ISRAEL'S

OFFERS AIM ONLY AT SPLITTING ARAB RANKS WHILE U.S. THUS
FAR HAS LIMITED ITSELF TO PROMISES.

4. EDITORIAL CLOSES WITH REPETITION OF NEED TO RE-EVALUATE
RESULTS OF POLICY OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT AND MAKE MORE
EFFECTIVE USE OF ARAB WILL -- PARTICULARLY IN UNIFYING
ARAB RANKS AND COORDINATING CONFRONTATION STATES WHICH,
SULAYMAN CONCLUDES, IS KEY TO JUST SETTLEMENT IN ME.

5. COMMENT. THIS EDITORIAL HAS OVERTONES OF OFFICIAL
INSPIRATION. NEED FOR ARABS TO RELY ON THEIR OWN EFFORTS
IN SETTLEMENT PROCESS AND CONTINUING DOUBTS REGARDING
U.S. INTENTIONS ARE LINES FREQUENTLY HEARD
FROM SYRIAN LEADERSHIP.
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